

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Justification and Approval

#### For

#### Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 7, Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, Augusta, GA, justification for other than full and competition, 509-13-1-4105-0024.
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed:** New, firm, fixed-price contract for services to access Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) encrypted information in support of Police duties. Contractor is Georgia Technology Authority. Estimated value of contract is \$75,000.00 for base plus four option years. Estimated award date is 08/15/2013.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:**  
Managed Network Services that Police and Security use to conduct background checks and run tags on vehicles, to check for warrants or outstanding warrants for apprehended individuals thru the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC). It is also used to immediately notify all area agencies of any missing patients in order to initiate search procedures. This service provides the WAN link to the encrypted information on the GCIC network. The equipment provided with the service is a stand-alone unit with 2 access terminals – one for each division. The estimated period of performance is 8/15/13 – 8/14/14, with four (4) option years.
4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:** 41 USC §253(g), as implemented by FAR 6.302.  
  
(1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;
5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority.** GCIC is an operating division within the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) which serves as the chief provider of criminal justice information services in Georgia. They provide assistance to our Police and Security department with round the clock access to their computerized criminal history databases. GCIC is mandated by Georgia law and provides direct terminal access to computerized databases by Georgia agencies, by agencies in other states and by the FBI Criminal Justice Services Division. They provide the investigative, scientific, and information services and resources to the Police and Security department for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property at the Charlie Norwood Medical Center. Per the GBI, the sole source for providing and managing encrypted access to their portal is through Georgia Technology Authority (GTA). GTA was established as the sole source by the Governor of Georgia as of July 1, 2004.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** A Sources Sought Notice was published on FedBizOpps. Contact with the Georgia Criminal Information Center (GCIC) at the GBI (404-270-8527/404-244-2600/404-309-1969). A notice of Intent to Sole Source was also published on FedBizOpps.

7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Reference prices were found for similar services in Alabama:

VA24712P0039, 10/3/11 - \$12,120  
VA24712P0039, 1/23/12 – \$12,660  
508C15374, 4/26/11 - \$13,998.01

The estimated price for Augusta is more because 2 access terminals are required – one at each division. Each terminal is \$700.00. Taking in to account that the referenced contracts were from 2011 and 2012, and that our facility requires an additional terminal, the price is considered to be fair and reasonable to the Government.

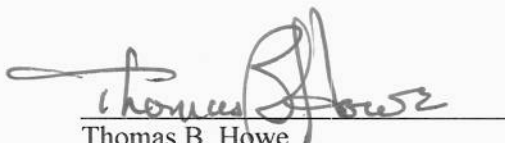
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** Market Research was conducted on FPDS-NG, FedBizOpps, and through contact with the Police Departments at all Medical Centers within VISN 7. Telephone inquiries were also made to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI). A Sources Sought Notice was published on FedBizOpps. A written response with capability statement was received from EFS Federal. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation does not provide the encryption needed for this requirement to anyone except Georgia Technology Authority (GTA), so this vendor cannot be considered for this procurement. An interested vendor was listed on the Sources Sought FBO posting – XPAND Corporation, but provided no capability statement. They also are not authorized by GBI to provide this access to the GCIC. Contact was made with the Georgia Criminal information Center (GCIC) at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) (404-270-8527/404-244-2600/404-309-1969). Per GBI, the sole source for providing and managing encrypted access to their portal is through Georgia Technology Authority. A Notice of Intent to Sole Source was also published on FedBizOpps. No results were received.

9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** Other competition options are not available since the GCIC is the only agency available that provides this service.

10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** EFS Federal and XPAND Corporation expressed interest in writing.

11. **A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:** With each new requirement, market research will be conducted to determine if the GBI has authorized additional sources to perform these services.

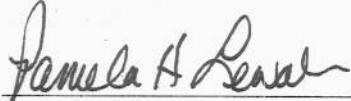
12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Thomas B. Howe  
Chief of Police  
CNVAMC, Augusta, GA

7/18/13  
Date

13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304

- a. Contracting Officer's Certification (required): I certify that the foregoing justification is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Pamela H. Lewallen  
Contracting Officer  
NCO 7 Contracting Activity

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- b. NCM/PCM (Required \$3K and above): I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

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~~Diana Nance~~ Calvin Thomas Jr.  
Acting Network Contract Manager  
VA Southeast Network – NCO 7

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Date